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LETTER FROM LEWIS.

"John H." Says Fulton Is a Garden for Railroad Building Compared with Virginia.

TELLS OF MURDER OF COUNTY CLERK.

Lebanon is the county seat of Russell county, Va. The town reminds me much of McConnellsburg as to the way it is laid out. It is in a fine agricultural district—mountains on either side and it cannot be reached by railroad.

The Clinch Valley is its nearest railroad, and it is reached from a town named Cleveland, a distance of seven miles, by stage coach over a mountain called Copper Hill. The trip reminds one of going from Fort Loudon to McConnellsburg, although the road is not nearly so good as the Loudon pike. Russell county joins Tazewell on the south west.

The town of Tazewell as well as the county, is all excitement now owing to the sudden death of the circuit court clerk, F. E. George, who, it is supposed, was murdered near his own home a week ago last Friday evening.

Mr. George resided on a farm some four miles out of town. It was his custom to go to his home almost every night unless the weather was too bad and then he remained in town; and thus his absence occasioned no uneasiness to his family. He kept a riding horse for that purpose. On the evening in question, he started for home at 5:30.

On Saturday morning his son found him very near his home in a little stream of water called Plum Creek, with his throat cut and the horse he had been riding, wandering about with the bridle reins cut off and made into a noose. There were great pools of blood in the road, and Mr. George was sixty feet away, lying in the water in the creek. It is said that a barlow knife has been found with blood on near where the murdered man was found. Three thousand dollars reward is now offered for information that will lead to the perpetrators of the crime.

Robbery was the motive of the dastardly crime as Mr. George was seen with a large roll of money in his office that day. When one of his daughters came in to get some money, he took out a large roll of bills, but that was returned to the safe, as since his death his money has been found all right.

He had been clerk for more than twenty years, and by the minority party at that, which shows conclusively that he was held in high esteem.

Three men are held now as suspicious characters in a little town over in West Virginia—or near the Tazewell line. What may be the outcome of their preliminary examination cannot be fully conjectured.

What I have seen since coming to Virginia of railroad engineering through hills and mountains, satisfies my mind that Fulton county would be a perfect garden to build through compared with this. I came to-day about one hundred miles down the Clinch river which runs down into Tennessee through as rough a country as I ever saw. This is a country where illicit distilling of "mountain dew" used to be extensively carried on, and may be yet. Many marshals and deputies have lost their lives in trying to capture the operators and cut up the stills. The ravines are very deep and the hills are shaped like great cones. It looks to me that a very few men could keep at bay a very formidable army, if they were brave like the Spartan heroes.

I am told that no machine whiskey can be had yet by those that are on the inside, but not by him that has not the password.

I came here from Richlands, a booming town on the Clinch Valley railroad. It is a beautifully laid out town on a nice level piece

PROPOSED LAWS.

A Few of the Many Bills Introduced by the Legislature at Harrisburg.

The increase of power for Justices of the Peace and Aldermen, with authority to dispose finally of minor cases by trial, are contemplated in a bill offered by Representative Spoons, Republican, of Washington.

In certain minor cases, where defendants plead guilty, the Magistrates are empowered to sentence according to law, and in cases where the defendants plead not guilty, they are authorized to try the issues before a jury of twelve and pass sentence accordingly. All sentences in such courts are to be accepted as sentences of Quarter Sessions Courts the jury's decision in question of fact being final.

Cases which the minor Magistrates are empowered to try include illegal sale of liquors, selling unwholesome or adulterated provisions, and revealing telegraphic dispatches.

If Representative Rush, Democrat, of Greene, has his way, the vexed question as to whether public school pupils shall be vaccinated will be decided by the various school boards. His bill provides that in case of epidemic the school board or boards in the affected district shall order the children to be vaccinated.

Amid the chivalrous applause of legislators who gathered at the hearing, four women teachers last night appeared here before the House Committee on Pensions to argue for the favorable consideration of the bill to pension teachers. The measure backed by the State Teachers' Association, was introduced by Representative Moore, Republican, Allegheny, and provides for retiring teachers after thirty years' service on annuities not to exceed \$600 nor less than \$200.

Ex Senator Flinn, of Allegheny, came here with a resolution that will be introduced in the House, providing for an amendment to the Constitution that will permit the State to borrow \$25,000,000 to be spent in improving the State's highways. The Constitution prohibits the State from contracting any debt in excess of \$1,000,000, except in case of insurrection or war.

The resolution fathered by Ex-Senator Flinn would have to pass this and the next Legislature, and then be submitted to the voters of the State.

State Highway Commissioner Hunter is asking for an appropriation of \$6,000,000 to be used in the next two years to build roads in addition to \$3,000,000 already available.

On January 31, 1907, Charles Mumma and Miss Frances Sipes were quietly married at the M. E. parsonage, Harrisonville, Pa.

of land from which the high peaks of mountains can be seen at some distance standing like sentinels guarding their homes. A fifty thousand dollar hotel stands prominently upon an elevation, and makes a fine appearance; but of course, I did not stop there. It is quite a coal center as large mines are worked about four miles from town.

Negroes do not stop long about this town, as the climate does not agree with their prosperity as a people, and they steer clear of the town. Did not see a negro in town.

In 1894 two men came over from Buchanan county, Virginia, on a business deal. They were murdered in a most brutal manner in an out-of-the-way place. The murder was traced to five negroes; a lynching party was formed, and the result was that five negroes hung dangling from one tree when daylight came. My informant, who saw them hanging and pointed out the place where they hung, said that inside of three days a darkey could not be seen about the town and have ever since given Richlands a wide berth.

DUBLIN MILLS.

Charles Bolinger and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday in our town.

Samuel Wilson, of Pittsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with Ed Black and family.

Harry Gaster is very poorly at this writing.

John Bolinger, wife and son Robert, spent Saturday and Sunday at Amos Wilson's, near North Point.

Fred Benson spent Sunday in our town.

NEEDMORE.

Every body is taking advantage of the sleighing—especially the doctors.

Phineas Runyan is on the sick list.

Mrs. Jane Ann Snyder is slowly improving.

Miss Addie Snyder had a severe attack of grippe during the past week, but is some better now.

Cordor Snyder and wife, and Miss Edith McElDowney, were pleasant callers in our village this week.

No wonder E. M. Peck seems so chilly. The stork left a little baby girl at his house the other night when the mercury was down to sixteen below zero. Never mind Eh, it will be warmer before the Fourth of July.

Foxy Grandpa took a sled load of our young people to a local institute last week.

A sleighing party composed of Jim Mellott, Eva Pittman and Aray Peck, passed through here on their way to Pleasant Grove meeting.

Thomas Wink and Miss Eva Barnhart called on friends at Sipes Mill Sunday.

Morgan's Wild West show was at the P. O. S. of A. Hall, Saturday night. A large crowd attended.

BRUSH CREEK.

Not seeing any items in the News from our valley lately, I will try to send you some.

Mrs. Boyd S. Jackson, of Everett, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. E. H. Lodge, at Emmaville.

Edward N. Lodge, of Ohio, is spending some time with relatives and friends in our valley.

Otis Akers, Daniel Krouse and wife, and Mrs. Mary Kay, visited relatives in Brush Creek one day last week.

Mark Lodge spent last Sunday with his mother near Emmaville.

Ross Jackson, of Altoona, spent a few hours last Sunday with home folks.

A. M. Hixson, of Jamestown, N. Y., is visiting relatives in this valley.

Mabion Akers, near Robinsonville, was transacting business in our valley one day last week.

Rutherford Williams, wife and family, of Everett, spent last Sunday with M. J. Hixson and family, at Crystal Springs.

J. C. Barton and wife, and Mrs. Sarah E. Barton, of Crystal Springs, visited M. M. Barton and family last Sunday.

Geo. O. Schenck, Haslet Walters, and Walter V. Barton spent several days last week in Altoona.

Caera Hixson, of Maryland, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Hixson, Crystal Springs.

A sled load of young people from Akersville, spent last Wednesday evening with M. E. Barton and family.

Perry Robinson and Roy Reed, of Everett, spent last Sunday with Mrs. John Lodge and family, of Emmaville.

A merry sled load of young people from this place, drove to Wesley Chapel last Sunday night and attended the protracted meeting. They report large crowds and good meetings.

Any one wishing to read the latest news, should subscribe for the Fulton County News.

George C. Sipes, who last spring removed from D. M. Kendall's farm in Ayr to that of R. O. Graves near Hancock, was in the Cove and in town a few days last week on business.

Heinbaugh.

Charles, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heinbaugh, of Ayr township, died on Tuesday of last week aged 9 years, 1 month and 2 days. His funeral took place on Thursday, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Charlie had been sick only about three weeks, and then at no time was his condition such as to cause great alarm. Indeed, he had not been confined to his bed at all, and death came upon him while he was sitting in a chair.

He was first attacked by tonsillitis, which later developed into adenitis—both, diseases of the glands of the throat; and owing to the fact that about a year ago he came through a severe attack of diphtheria, his physical condition was too greatly enfeebled to withstand the last attack.

Robert Gearhart.

Robert Gearhart died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oliver, near Mt. Dallas, on Tuesday of last week. Deceased was aged 79 years, 6 months and 18 days. Funeral services were held on Thursday at the home by Rev. J. S. Souser, pastor of the M. E. church at Everett. Interment was made in the Everett cemetery. Mr. Gearhart was a former well known resident of this county.

Washington's Birthday Entertainment.

The ladies of King W. R. C. No. 18, will hold a patriotic entertainment in the Court House, the evening of February 22. Doors open at seven o'clock. Exercises, conducted by Mrs. Charles B. Stevens, patriotic instructor, will begin at 7:30. Admission 10 cents. School children free.

DOTT.

There will be preaching at Cedar Grove, third Sunday in this month, at 10:30 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. Hendershot.

We are having quite a lot of sickness in this part of the country. The doctors are kept busy day and night.

The men have been making good use of this sledding, hauling crossties.

Mrs. Israel Hill is very ill with pneumonia.

Orpha Snyder closed her school three days last week on account of sickness.

Quite a number of the young people around here, have been attending the protracted meeting at Pleasant Grove. Reuben Layton took a sled load up last Saturday night.

Roy Garland came home Friday to visit his parents, Job L. Garland and wife.

Joe O'Rourke and family are visiting Ellsworth Golden's.

The men were very busy filling their ice houses while the weather was so cold last week.

NEW GRENADA.

Our neighbor F. G. Mills is seriously ill with a protracted case of grippe. He is confined to his bed. Jacob Crider is also very much afflicted with grippe.

J. G. Cunningham is struggling with grippe and heart trouble—something similar to the attack he had about this time last year.

Dr. Campbell is the busiest man in town on account of the prevalence of grippe.

A sled load of folks from Saltillo spent an evening at Central Hotel very pleasantly last week.

A sled load of young folks from here spent Saturday evening at Mr. and Mrs. Guy Weaver's at Saltillo.

Nellie and Ray Dawney of Hustontown, and Mary Berystresser of Waterfall, visited the family of L. L. Cunningham and of Alice McClain last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chesnut, near Hustontown, visited William Alloway's on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Corbin and Ida Watkin of Taylor, visited Watkin's last Sunday. Martha Black accompanied them from here.

Ethel Thomas and Ruth Cunningham have been trying a dose of grippe the past few days.

THE COST OF THE PAPER.

Trusts are Putting up all Prices on the Products it Must Use.

If any class of business men ever had good reason for the formation of a trust with a view of advancing prices, the press of this country presents that justification at this time.

The white paper alone on which many papers are printed, costs more than is paid by the purchaser for the printed edition. The cost of white paper has been advancing for years. Printing ink never cost more than at the present time and wages were never higher; yet the price of the output has been retained.

The newspapers of the country in their columns seem to point out everything in the news line pertaining to the formation of trusts, in oil, sugar, paper, coal, steel and almost every commodity in general use, but they entirely overlook the fact that they could and should point with great interest to the fact that newspapers are supplying the public with the news of the world under a greater expense of production than at any time previous while the comparative cost of advertising has not been greatly increased.

The newspapers have been in the front rank in the development of American civilization, and to day they give more to the purchaser for the investment than it is possible to receive in any other channel of expenditure. Any thoughtful person who will carefully consider the increased publication cost of newspapers and the vast amount of information and pleasure the people derive from them at old-time prices, will agree with us that the postage on them as well as on letters, should be reduced.

According to readers of the goosebone an early spring will be experienced and after February there will be little cold weather. It is said that the goosebone clearly indicated the weather which has been experienced during the past two months and that it indicates that February will open with a few days of mild weather followed by severe cold and stormy weather for the remainder of the month and tapering off into much milder weather with the beginning of March.

The suggestion has been made that the February election be done away with and all elections held at the same time in November. The idea is a good one with no valid objections against it. The February election is an unnecessary item of expense as all officials could be elected at one time as well as not. This will probably come later and it may not be so far in the future as some think. But a short time ago the idea of a uniform primary was laughed at and now it is a reality, and the abolition of the Spring election is just as possible.—Bedford Inquirer.

We note that a bill has been introduced into the Legislature to require the county treasurer to publish in the newspapers the full assessment list, as made annually and triennially. Such a law would no doubt materially increase the revenues of the county, as the public have no way now of telling what any assessment is outside their own unless they go to the County Commissioners' office and investigate for themselves. If the list was published it would make the assessor more careful in equalizing the assessments, and special favors would not be shown some while others are required to pay taxes on an assessment equal almost to the full valuation. We believe the law would be one that would meet with popular favor especially among those who want to see a fair assessment.

Squire Billy Gordon of Warfordsburg, was in town Tuesday night and Wednesday attending to business.

Local Paragraphs.

The plan of printing the names of the postoffice on stamps for the various offices where they are sold, has simmered down to supply such stamps for thirty large cities.

Rev. Paul Gladfelter, a student in the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, preached in the Lutheran church here last Sunday morning and evening, and at Big Cove Tannery in the afternoon. Mr. Gladfelter is a young man of ability and he greatly pleased his hearers.

Rev. J. C. Grimes, of the M. E. church in this place, preached the concluding sermon in the Presbyterian church last Friday evening, in a series of special services, much to the spiritual enjoyment and edification of the large congregation present. Mr. Grimes, besides being a companionable gentleman, is a pulpit orator of more than ordinary ability.

Last Saturday evening, the McConnellsburg Band went out to Hustontown for a sled ride, and, incidentally, as one of the members confessed, to get a good supper at Hotel Hoover. They took their horns along, and while there, gave the citizens of Bigdad a little music. They got a royal supper, had a mighty good time, and as they were about to start home, were very agreeably surprised to find that those generous Hustontowners had paid their hotel bill; and more of it—the Band received a hearty invitation to "come again."

A party of twenty young folks from town in a sled and two sleighs, drove up to the home of Peter Scheideman near Knobsville, last Thursday evening, and they say, had a grand time, and we believe they are telling the truth. Three persons at Knobsville joined the party. Mrs. Scheideman served delightful refreshments, and the party spent the time until late in the evening playing Bingo and—O well, you know how it is yourself. Of course, they had a good time. The only accident was that to Harry Clouser, who was driver in the sled. The seat broke, but he managed to keep the horses from getting over the fence, or climbing telephone poles, if he did have to sit down in the sled in a mess with the crowd.

Among those who have favored the New office with their presence this week were Mr. A. S. Brant and son Master Jimmie of Taylor. Andy is now bemoaning some hard luck that he fears may have come to him from being generous and hospitable. A few weeks ago a well dressed, glib tongued spectacle peddler applied at the Brant home one evening and asked permission to remain in the home over night. As it was not the peddler's first appearance in the neighborhood, the doors were opened to him, a place was given him at the family board, and a well furnished room and comfortable bed was placed at his disposal for a night's rest. After a hearty breakfast next morning, the spectacle vender hastened away. The second chapter of this story may be told in fewer words. A few days later, Mr. Brant went up to a bureau which stood in the room occupied by the spectacle man, unlocked one of the drawers, took therefrom a pocket book which to all appearances was just as Mr. Brant had left it, opened it, and found—to his dismay that eighty-five good dollars had disappeared. Mr. Brant's cash account is still short \$85. The query is: What became of the money? The drawer was locked, the pocket book with the band around it was in its place, and everything just as it was when the peddler left it with the

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Miss Kathryn Cook is visiting Miss Janet Zacharias in Chambersburg.

Dr. West, a member of the board of trustees of Wilson College, Chambersburg, attended a meeting of that body on Tuesday.

George A. Winters and family were in town last Saturday. Geo. is one of Thompson's substantial young farmers.

Will Fields of Clear Ridge, spent a few hours at the County Seat last Saturday and took time to call and cheer the heart of ye editor.

R. R. Sipes, one of Licking Creek township's excellent citizens, was in town one day last week. Reuben is one of those good souls that does not forget the printer.

Miss Annie Comerer who has her home with the family of H. W. Karper, Chambersburg, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Comerer, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Comerer of Thompson township, spent a few days last week in the home of Mrs. Comerer's mother, Mrs. Sarah Pittman, in this place. Mrs. Pittman has had poor health for several weeks.

Robert M. Downes, who for several years has conducted a barber shop in this place, has sold it to C. A. Martin, of Chambersburg, who took possession Tuesday morning. Mr. Downes will have sale in a few days, and expects to remove to Pindale, Pa. Bob is a good barber. Of the new man, the Franklin Repository says: "Charles Martin who has of late been employed by Percy Black, the south Main street barber, has purchased the tonsorial parlors of Robert Downes, McConnellsburg. He took possession to day. Mr. Martin's success is wished for by his many friends in Chambersburg."

Fulton county people in visiting Chambersburg will not miss it if they stop at Hotel McKinley. It is located in the business center of the town and has a "bas" that will pick you up at the station, if you go by rail, and set you down at the hotel, and take you back to the station when you want to return. If you are driving you may leave your team at the hotel and it will have the same careful attention as if in your stable at home. The hotel is heated throughout with steam, the rooms are well furnished, nice parlors for the lady guests, the servants are attentive and polite, and above all the table is great. Mr. Bruner, the proprietor, is an ideal hotel man and will make you feel at home in two minutes.

County Medical Inspector Mosser went out to Isaac Bolinger's near Dublin Mills, Monday, to make arrangements for the disinfection of Mr. Bolinger's house, which has been under quarantine since the fifth of December on account of members of his family having scarlet fever. This, like it always is in such cases, has been a hardship to Mr. Bolinger, yet as a good citizen, he feels that the sacrifice he is making may be the means of saving a like hardship to his neighbors, to say nothing of the deaths that would, in all probability occur, if no precaution were taken to prevent the spread of the dread disease. While Dr. Mosser did not raise the quarantine because the period of danger to those who might mingle with the Bolinger family has not passed, the restriction will not be enforced a day longer than is absolutely necessary. One of Mr. Bolinger's children is